

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2453 - HB 2430

March 15, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a person or organization from being prevented from offering compassionate aid to others in economic distress. Specifies no person's rights, privileges, or access to public services may be denied or abridged solely because of housing status. Requires each municipality to post, in the usual location for municipal notices, a notice entitled "Compassionate Assistance/Right to Exist" that contains the text from the proposed bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$211,400

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100/Permissive

Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) anticipates a significant increase in the number of complaints being filed as well as the number of necessary investigations as a result of the proposed bill.
- THRC will require an additional intake specialist resulting in a recurring increase in expenditures of \$64,167 (\$47,148 salary + \$17,019 benefits and insurance); a human rights investigator position resulting in a recurring increase of expenditures of \$56,291 (\$40,728 salary + \$15,563 benefits and insurance); and an administrative services assistant 4 position resulting in a recurring increase of expenditures of \$64,169 (\$47,150 salary + \$17,019 benefits and insurance).
- Total recurring increase in expenditures for positions is \$184,627 (\$64,167 + \$56,291 + \$64,169).
- According to THRC, training will be necessary in order to prepare THRC staff for education and enforcement of the rights prescribed by the proposed bill. THRC estimates the cost of training to be \$20,754 which includes the cost of the session(s), lodging, airfare, and per diem.
- THRC estimates a cost of \$6,000 (\$1,000 for printing materials and updating brochures; \$2,000 for outreach events and travel; and \$3,000 for advertising) for increased education and outreach efforts to address the new law.
- Total recurring increase in state expenditures is \$211,381 (\$184,627 + \$20,754 + \$6,000).

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- Based on responses to the 2013 Local Government Survey conducted by the Fiscal Review Committee, participating local government officials reported an average cost of \$108 per legal notice published in a newspaper.
- A minimum of one city will utilize newspaper publication to post the required notice containing the text of the proposed bill resulting in a permissive increase in local government expenditures exceeding \$100.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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